

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Amendments

Claims 3, 16, 24, 27 and 32 have been amended. Claims 3-4, 7, 14, 16-17, 24, 27-28 and 32-33 are currently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2. Claim Rejections

In the current Office Action, Claims 3-4, 7, 14, 16-17, 24, 27-28, and 32-33 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a). More specifically, Claims 3, 4, 7, 14, 16, 17, 32, 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laiho (U.S. Patent No. 6,061,572) in view of Bender et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,961,329 B1); Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laiho, in view of Bender and in further view of McConnell (U.S. Patent No. 6,944,150); and Claims 27, 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laiho, in view of Bender et al. and in further view of Spielman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,560,318).

Applicant has amended independent Claims 3, 16, 24, 27 and 32 to overcome the cited rejections. Dependent claims 4, 7, 14, 17, 28 and 33 depend from such amended Independent Claims. Specifically, Laiho and Bender alone, or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest the element of "a network providing voice services on a voice carrier and data services on a data only carrier". This element has been moved from the preamble of each of the independent claims and positively claimed. Neither McConnell nor Spielman overcome the deficiency of Laiho and Bender.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 3-4, 7, 14, 16-17, 24, 27-28 and 32-33.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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